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SUBJECT: ARRESTEE AND PRISONER SERVICES: FASCALL LETTER

REFERENCE: (1) LA PAZ 3850
(2) STATE 132092
(3) LA PAZ 4478

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES STATUS REPORTS ON JUDICIAL SITUATION.
2. (A) AS STATED IN REFTEL 2, CHAIRMAN FASCELL REQUESTS REPORT TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON EACH CASE OF AMERICAN HELD IN BOLIVIA.

(B) DEPARTMENT SEES NO POINT IN DISCUSSING WITH CHAIRMAN FASCELL HIS USE OF TERMINOLOGY "INTERNATIONAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS". USG'S VIEWS AND COMMITMENTS REGARDING STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
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WITH ESPECIAL REFERENCE TO TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, ARE IMPLICIT IN JULY 1976 SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES HANDBOOK "PROTECTION OF AMERICAN NATIONALS ARRESTED, ON TRIAL, OR IMPRISONED" WHICH IN PRINCIPLE INCORPORATED TENETS OF THE

"VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS", THE UNITED NATIONS "UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS", AND THE

"INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS". SHOULD THE EMBASSY REQUIRE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THIS SUBJECT, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

(D) DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS ADDITIONAL BURDEN THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT IMPOSES UPON EMBASSY'S RESOURCES, BUT REVIEW OF TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC, INCLUDING THE REVELATIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL 1, CONVINCES US THAT ONLY EMBASSY CAN RESPOND FULLY AND AUTHORITATIVELY TO CHAIRMAN FASCELL'S REQUEST.

(D) IN PREPARING REPORT FOR CHAIRMAN FASCELL, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MICHELLE FRYER HAS STATED PUBLICLY AND TO DEPTOFFS THAT SHE WITNESSED REPEATED BEATINGS OF MALE AMERICAN PRISONERS AND HAS STATED FURTHER TO DEPTOFFS (AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO STATE PUBLICLY) THAT UNTIL APRIL 1977 MALE PRISONERS WERE ALLEGEDLY VISITED BY CONOFF AT ONLY SIX-WEEK INTERVALS; CONOFF ALLEGEDLY SHOWED MALE PRISONERS "BOOK OF REGULATIONS" SPECIFYING SIX-WEEK VISITATION INTERVALS. CHRISTOPHER

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